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1. Sen. McCarran, Chairman of the Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, wrote a letter to a CIA covert employee in the Far East, asking for corroboration of the statements of [ ] a former CIA employee, regarding a meeting with John Davies of the Department of State. Our covert employee prepared a reply corroborating [ ] on 29 February 1952. He has forwarded this reply to Senator McCarran through CIA pouch, and the reply was made available to the General Counsel's office on 28 or 31 March. I delivered the reply to Messrs. Sourwine and Morris, Committee Counsel, following a brief talk which I had with Sen. McCarran, in which Sen. McCarran authorized the return of the statement to CIA for retention in our files. After Messrs. Sourwine and Morris studied the statement it was returned to me.] They expressed some concern as to why it had taken so long to receive the statement and I explained the slowness of pouch procedures. Mr. Sourwine also wished to know why CIA was under the ~~p~~ impression that the statement was being mailed when in fact it came via pouch.

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2. Chief of Personnel Relations requested me to interview [ ], whose immediate resignation has been requested. [ ] is being terminated for security reasons and has been in the CIA training pool since November 1951. Mr. [ ] informed me that he was being called to duty on 1 July and it would therefore be impossible for him to secure employment for three months only. Therefore, he felt that CIA had a moral obligation to continue paying him until 1 July. He has not been informed as to the reasons for termination. I stated that as he was being terminated because he did not meet CIA standards, we could not give him work to do, and as there was no work for him to do we could not pay him. I advised that he resign rather than face termination proceedings. He inquired as to the possibility of his instituting court action against CIA, and I informed him that he would have no legal status in court and that he would find that such action on his part might lead to extremely embarrassing consequences to himself. I have informed ADD/A that they may expect further repercussions from this case.